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SUBJECT:IRS INTEREST IN TESTIMONY FROM VESCO ACCOMPLICES.

REF: (A) SAN JOSE 133 (B) SAN JOSE 313

1. PROPOSED DEPOSITIONS (REFTELS) ARE BEING TAKEN AT THE
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REQUEST OF ROBERT VESCO'S ATTORNEYS.U.S. JUDGE HAS
AUTHORIZED TAKING OF DEPOSITIONS OUTSIDE U.S. AND COURT
WILL AUTHORIZE SOMEONE TO ADMINISTER OATHS OF
WITNESSES BEING DEPOSED. IRS ATTORNEYS REQUIRED BY JUDGE
TO BE PRESENT IN ORDER TO CROSS-EXAMINE THE WITNESSES .
DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT MILTON MEISSNER WILL ALSO BE
DEPOSED IN COSTA RICA ALONG WITH STRAUB, STRICKLER AND

LEBLANC, RICHARD CLAY WILL BE DEPOSED IN THE BAHAMAS.

2. WITNESSES HAVE TOLD IRS THAT THEY PREFER TO HAVE DEPOSITION TAKEN IN OFFICE OF COSTA RICAN ATTORNEY JOSE MARIA PLA, BUT BECAUSE OF HIS CONNECTION TO VESCO, IRS IS NOT ANXIOUS TO ACCEPT THIS LOCATION. DEPONENTS OBJECT TO TAKING DEPOSITION AT EMBASSY. IRS IS WILLING TO TAKE DEPOSITION IN SOME OTHER "NEUTRAL" PLACE, E.G., HOTEL ROOM

IN SAN JOSE, AND BELIEVES THAT THIS ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO DEPONENTS.

3. THERE IS NO LEGAL REQUIREMENT THAT THE DEPOSITION MUST BE TAKEN ON EMBASSY GROUNDS, AND THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT THAT A CONSULAR OFFICER ADMINISTER THE OATH, PROVIDED THAT THERE IS ANOTHER PERSON PRESENT WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER IT. DEPT THEREFORE SEES NO LEGAL GROUNDS TO PRECLUDE THE TAKING OF THE DEPOSITION ELSEWHERE.

4. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE ARE OTHER CONSIDERATIONS NECESSITATING THE TAKING OF THE DEPOSITIONS AT THE EMBASSY, PLEASE ADVISE SO THAT IRS MAY BE INFORMED. COURT MAY ORDER IRS ATTORNEYS WILLIAM SALICA AND AGATHA VORSANGER TO TRAVEL AS EARLY AS THIS THURSDAY. THEY WILL HAVE TO EXPLAIN ANY REASONS FOR DELAY IN TRAVEL TO U.S. JUDGE. IRS IS AWARE SENSITIVITIES OF THIS CASE AND PREPARED EXERCISE DUE DISCRETION. EMBASSY GUIDANCE WELCOME.

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